

What does ובכל מאדך really mean?

If you are loving the Lord with all of your heart and soul, what else can define your totality?

The sense of smell is part of an overall spiritual attentiveness.

The smell of the Holy Incense was thought to have been manifested in the initial experience of the שכינה (i.e. Divine Presence)

**The burning of incense has been a feature of religious ceremonies since ancient times and is mentioned as early as 1530B.C.E. on an inscribed Tablet near the Sphinx at Giza, Egypt.**

### Deuteronomy 6:5

וְאָהַבְתָּ אֶת ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל-לִבְבְּךָ וּבְכָל-נַפְשְׁךָ וּבְכָל-מְאֹדְךָ

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and **with all your might**.

How can we worship the Lord with all of our Senses?

Sight: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hearing: \_\_\_\_\_  
Feeling: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tasting: \_\_\_\_\_  
Smell: \_\_\_\_\_

### שמות פרק ל

(לד) וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֶל מֹשֶׁה קַח לְךָ סָמִים נָטָף וּשְׁחָלֶת וְחִלְבֵּנָה סָמִים וְלִבְנָה זָפָה בַד בָּבַד יִהְיֶה: (לה) וַעֲשִׂיתָ אֹתָהּ קִטְרֶת רִקְחַת מַעֲשֵׂה רִקְחַת מְמַלַּח טָהוֹר קֹדֶשׁ: (לו) וְשַׁחֲקֶתָ מִמֶּנָּה הֶדֶק וְנִתְתָּה מִמֶּנָּה לִפְנֵי הָעֵדֻת בְּאֵהָל מוֹעֵד אֲשֶׁר אֶנְעִיד לְךָ שָׁמָּה קֹדֶשׁ קִדְשִׁים תִּהְיֶה לָכֶם:

**Exodus 30:34-36** <sup>34</sup> And the LORD said to Moses: Take the herbs stacte, onycha, and galbanum -- these herbs together with **pure frankincense**; let there be an equal part of each. <sup>35</sup> Make them into incense, a compound expertly blended, refined, pure, sacred. <sup>36</sup> Beat some of it into powder, and put some before the Pact in the Tent of Meeting, where I will meet with you; it shall be most holy to you.

### Blessing Before Smelling Frankincense:

ברוך אתה ה' אלהינו מלך העולם בורא עצי בשמים:

Baruch ata Adonai, Elohainu Melech HaOlam Borae Etzai BaSamim.  
Blessed are you YHWH, our Deity, King of the World who creates incense from the trees.



Frankincense is from the: *Boswellia Sacra* Tree which is found in the following areas





This shovel is used to remove burning coals from the outer altar. The priest then carries the coals on this shovel into the sanctuary, where the coals are used on the golden incense altar.



Centrally located in the Sanctuary, between the menorah to the south, and the table of the showbread to the north, stands the incense altar, directly in front of the Holy of Holies, to the west. The incense altar, made of wood covered with gold, is employed in what is considered to be the most beloved aspect of the Temple service in the Eternal's eye: the incense offering. In order to allow for every priest to perform this most prized of offerings, a daily lot is drawn. Only those priests who have never offered incense upon the altar are allowed to participate.

